

HR 248

Promoting Local Management of the Lesser Prairie Chicken Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill prohibits any population of the lesser prairie-chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, or New Mexico from being listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). The lesser prairie-chicken is a type of grouse.

Currently, two distinct population segments (DPS) of the lesser prairie-chicken are listed under the ESA. The Southern DPS of the lesser prairie-chicken is listed as endangered and the Northern DPS is listed as threatened. The bill removes both populations from the list.

In addition, the bill bans Interior from listing any population of the lesser prairie-chicken as endangered or threatened in the future.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.